

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'A' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'A'

Date: October 11, 2013

Location: Country Inn and Suites – Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 **by** Adler .

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
8	Adler, Mark	Present		
2	Anderson, Susan	Absent		
5	Bork, Ron	Present		
2	Casey, Diana	Present		
7	Coe, Travis	Present		
3	Freese, Debra	Present		
3	Fuchser, Kathy	Present		
5	Marymee, Fran	Present		
6	Mathews, Katie	Absent		
1	Peters, Kevin	Present		
8	Schnabel, Becky	Absent		
8	Schweiger, Barb	Present		
3	Spethman, Phyllis	Present		
1	Stake, Susan	Present		
3	Vlach, Jim	Present		
1	White, Denise	Present		

Officers: Chair – Mark Adler

Vice Chair – Diana Casey

Secretary – Vacant

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions – Introductions were made; Denise White is new secretary

2. Discussion regarding proposed endorsements: (Second Hearings)

- **Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing/ Subject**
- **Audiologist** (*Special Services – Formerly 'Educational Audiologist'*)
- **Special Education: Visual Impairment/ Subject**
- **Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist/ Supplemental** – Discussion centered on the 12 hours of special education coursework necessary for those who do

not hold the Special Education endorsement to get the endorsement. Is 12 hours enough? The teachers need to be highly skilled and trained.

- **Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist / Supplemental**
- **Special Education: Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist/ Supplemental** (*New endorsement; replaces Severe/Multiple*)
- **Special Education: Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist / Supplemental** (*New endorsement, PK through Grade 12; replaces Learning Disabilities*)
- **Special Education: Secondary Transition Specialist / Supplemental** (*Formerly Special Services*)
- **Special Education Supervisor / Administrative – New endorsement**
- **Proposal also includes eliminating:**
 - **Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing/ Field**
 - **Special Education: Learning Disabilities** (*replaced by Inclusion and Collaboration*)
 - **Special Education: Severe/Multiple Disabilities** (*replaced by Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living*)
- **Special Services Coaching Peters**

3. Discussion – Proposed changes to Rule 21. Kevin Peters plans to present Rule 21 to the State Board in December for approval.

4. Discussion – Middle Grades endorsement / Guidance for Ad Hoc committee discussion

5. Discussion – Content Testing Policies Guidance - Peters clarified some questions about accepting or rejecting scores from other states. Concern was expressed about the cut score levels of the tests. Those who obtain their teaching certificate prior to 2015 will be 'grandfathered in' and not required to take the content tests (unless teaching certificate expires.) There was also discussion about provisional endorsements, particularly the Special Education provisional endorsement. The Committee agrees that this should be tightened up.

6. Action Items:

Appointment of Secretary for 2013-2014 – Denise White volunteered and is new secretary.

Recommendation to Full Council regarding advancement of these endorsements:

Special Services Coaching – motion to advance endorsement made by Freese, seconded by Coe. Motion approved.

Special Education: Secondary Transition Specialist / Supplemental – motion to advance endorsement made by Spethman, seconded by Vlach. Motion approved.

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

Move Special Services Coaching and Special Education: Secondary Transition Specialist/Supplemental endorsements forward as proposed.

Review Provisional Special Education endorsement regarding requirements for renewal, and number of times it can be renewed.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Casey